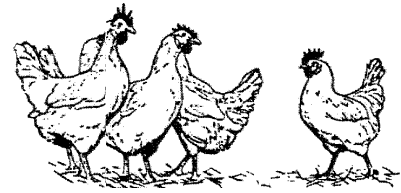


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U.S. APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.08 billion during April 2002, down slightly from last year. Production included 5.99 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 62.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2002 averaged 336 million, slightly lower than the average number of layers during April 2001. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,109 eggs, slightly higher than the 2,106 eggs in April 2001.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during April totaled 499 million, 31.0 million less than last month, but 8.00 million more than last April. The average number of layers during the month totaled 23.7 million, slightly lower than last month, but 1 percent higher than April 2001. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,105, compared to 2,202 last month and 2,098 in April 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2002 totaled 335 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 335 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial-type eggs, 58.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.71 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day on May 1, 2002 averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, slightly higher than a year ago.

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING APRIL, FORCED MOLTING AS OF MAY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands	Thousands	Number	Number	Millions	Millions	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alabama	10,344	10,232	1,895	1,857	196	190	0.5	1.5	7.0	6.0
Arkansas	14,637	15,255	1,954	1,862	286	284	2.5	2.0	11.0	6.5
California	23,405	23,709	2,098	2,105	491	499	9.5	7.0	28.5	28.0
Georgia	21,503	20,438	2,014	2,031	433	415	6.0	6.0	18.5	11.5
Indiana	23,115	22,510	2,146	2,181	496	491	6.0	7.5	31.5	31.5
Iowa	32,483	35,817	2,180	2,220	708	795	4.5	5.5	26.0	29.5
North Carolina	11,333	11,320	1,844	1,855	209	210	1.5	2.0	10.0	5.0
Ohio	30,242	30,100	2,186	2,126	661	640	6.0	5.0	22.0	17.0
Pennsylvania	25,006	23,336	2,227	2,288	557	534	2.5	4.5	17.5	20.5
Texas	19,074	18,476	2,102	2,127	401	393	3.5	7.0	24.0	19.0
U.S. TOTAL	337,139	335,795	2,106	2,109	7,099	7,081	5.1	5.7	20.9	21.6

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE				
		April 2001	March 2002 <u>a/</u>	April 2002	<u>Apr. 2002</u> Apr. 2001	<u>Apr. 2002</u> Mar. 2002
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	55,588	47,839	60,715	109	127
Chickens	Lbs.	40,759	43,025	46,239	113	107
Ducks	Lbs.	63	115	111	176	97
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	96,410	90,979	107,065	111	118
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	392,606	456,305	512,038	130	112
Chickens	Lbs.	654,383	807,495	851,217	130	105
Ducks	Lbs.	6,120	6,710	7,040	115	105
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,053,109	1,270,510	1,370,295	130	108
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	15,884	11,670	10,125	64	87

a/ Revised.

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The April 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 765 million, was up 1 percent from April of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on May 1, 2002, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.80 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2002. This was up 7 percent from April 2001.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	102,831	104,467	102
Arkansas	106,071	107,781	102
Delaware	12,711	12,435	98
Florida	9,204	8,267	90
Georgia	111,382	111,894	100
Maryland	34,096	33,804	99
Mississippi	67,298	68,376	102
North Carolina	66,411	68,429	103
Pennsylvania	12,893	13,071	101
South Carolina	16,959	16,385	97
Texas	53,153	55,595	105
Virginia	24,565	23,607	96
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	72,877	72,673	100
Other States ^{1/}	22,226	22,402	101
United States	775,455	764,982	101

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 38.2 million, down 11 percent from April 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.0 million on May 1, 2002, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 295 thousand during April 2002. This was down 5 percent from April 2001.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, APRIL

State	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	817	738	90
Florida	831	543	65
Georgia	2,213	2,149	97
Indiana	7,041	5,479	78
Iowa	5,890	5,784	98
Minnesota	1,519	1,317	87
Pennsylvania	5,349	4,402	82
Other States ^{1/}	19,108	17,800	93
United States	42,768	38,212	89

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, MAY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
N Atlantic	12,010	12,382	103	6,002	5,005	83
E N Central	7,545	7,939	105	9,342	7,407	79
W N Central	22,970	22,168	97	6,988	7,644	109
S Atlantic	241,204	241,598	100	3,543	4,949	140
S Central	336,774	340,212	101	5,472	5,366	98
West	24,151	25,227	104	5,207	5,581	107
United States	644,654	649,526	101	36,554	35,952	98

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators totaled 32.2 million on May 1, 2002 in the United States, down 1 percent from May 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent below the April 1 total of 32.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 5 percent; West North Central, up 5 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 9 percent; South Central, down 2 percent; and West, down 10 percent.

The 26.0 million poultts placed during April 2002 in the United States were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were also up 1 percent from the March 2002 total of 25.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 5 percent; West North Central, up 9 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 3 percent; South Central, down 8 percent; and West, down 14 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators May 1		2002 2001	Poults Placed during April ^{1/}		2002 2001
	2001	2002		2001	2002	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,998	5,248	105	3,736	3,907	105
W N Central	11,608	12,138	105	8,759	9,525	109
N & S Atlantic	9,826	8,975	91	8,041	7,833	97
S Central	3,119	3,053	98	2,665	2,448	92
West	3,121	2,797	90	2,657	2,297	86
U.S.	32,672	32,211	99	25,858	26,010	101

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		01-02 00-01	Cumulative Total		01-02 00-01
	2000-01	2001-02		2000-01	2001-02	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	23,016	22,414	97	23,016	22,414	97
Oct.	23,672	24,128	102	46,688	46,542	100
Nov.	23,357	24,226	104	70,045	70,768	101
Dec.	23,297	24,499	105	93,342	95,267	102
Jan.	25,612	25,880	101	118,954	121,147	102
Feb.	23,775	24,266	102	142,729	145,413	102
Mar. ^{2/}	26,148	25,746	98	168,877	171,159	101
Apr.	25,858	26,010	101	194,735	197,169	101
May	26,682			221,417		
June	26,121			247,538		
July	27,064			274,602		
Aug.	25,032			299,634		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Revised data for "Total All Breeds, 2001-02."

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Egg producers in California produced 6.00 billion eggs in 2001, 5 percent below the 6.29 billion produced in 2000. The value of eggs produced totaled \$236 million, down 1 percent from the previous year's production of \$238 million.

Nationally, the value of egg production in 2001 was \$4.45 billion, up 2 percent from the \$4.35 billion in 2000. Egg production totaled 85.7 billion eggs, up 2 percent from the 84.39 billion eggs produced in 2000. In 2001, eggs averaged 62.2 cents per dozen, compared with 61.8 cents in 2000.

EGG PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen 1/	Value of Production
	Millions	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1992	7,224	47.6	286,552
1993	7,029	49.1	287,603
1994	6,602	46.4	255,277
1995	6,444	53.7	288,869
1996	6,569	67.1	367,317
1997	6,663	62.1	344,810
1998	6,608	56.1	308,924
1999	6,606	47.9	263,690
2000	6,293	45.3	237,561
2001	5,996	47.2	235,843
UNITED STATES			
2000	84,386	61.8	4,345,382
2001	85,702	62.2	4,444,864

1/ Average of eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE

This year and last year, broiler production for California was combined with six other states (IA, IN, LA, MO, OR, and WA) to avoid disclosing production of individual operations. These seven states produced 767 million birds totaling 3.69 billion pounds. The average price per pound was 40.3 cents for a total production value of \$1.49 billion.

Nationally, the value of broilers produced during 2001 was \$16.7 billion, up 19 percent from the \$14.0 billion in 2000. The total number of broilers produced in 2001 was 8.39 billion, up 1 percent from 2000. Broiler production in 2001 totaled 42.4 billion pounds (live-weight), up 2 percent from 2000. The 2001 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 39.3 cents per pound, compared to 33.6 cents per pound in 2000.

BROILER PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production 2/
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1992	233,000	1,188,300	29.5	350,549
1993	216,000	1,101,600	32.0	352,512
1994	226,200	1,131,000	33.0	373,230
1995	235,800	1,179,000	32.5	383,175
1996	234,200	1,171,000	39.0	456,690
1997	237,300	1,210,200	39.0	471,978
1998 3/	506,100	2,437,500	39.3	958,714
1999 3/	518,760	2,493,900	38.9	970,213
2000 3/	763,900	3,603,000	35.0	1,260,606
2001 3/	767,400	3,690,900	40.3	1,487,133
UNITED STATES				
2000	8,284,000	41,623,100	33.6	13,988,434
2001	8,389,100	42,445,900	39.3	16,693,569

1/ Data for December 1, 2000 through November 30, 2001. Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

3/ The following states were combined to avoid operation disclosure: CA, IN, IA, LA, ME, OR & WA in 1998 & 1999 --- CA, IN, IA, LA, MO, OR & WA in 2000 & 2001.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

California turkey production totaled 451 million pounds (live-weight) in 2001, up 3 percent from the 439 million pounds raised in 2000. Value of production, at \$212 million, was about the same as the \$211 million realized in 2000. The annual average of 47 cents per pound was one cent below the 2000 average of 48 cents per pound.

Nationally, the value of turkeys produced during 2001 was \$2.79 billion, down 1 percent from the \$2.82 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2001 totaled 7.15 billion pounds (live-weight), compared to 6.94 billion pounds in 2000. The average price received by producers during 2001 was 39.0 cents per pound, compared to 40.7 cents in 2000.

TURKEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Year	Number Raised	Pounds Produced 1/	Price Per Pound 2/	Value of Production
	Thousand Head	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA				
1992	24,000	508,800	39.0	198,432
1993	22,500	486,000	43.0	208,980
1994	21,000	449,400	43.0	193,242
1995	22,000	462,000	46.0	212,520
1996	22,500	492,750	45.0	221,738
1997	21,000	480,900	42.0	201,978
1998	19,000	442,700	41.0	181,507
1999	17,500	428,750	45.0	192,938
2000	18,000	439,200	48.0	210,816
2001	18,700	450,670	47.0	211,815
UNITED STATES				
2000	269,969	6,942,809	40.7	2,822,736
2001	272,059	7,154,781	39.0	2,790,317

1/ Includes home consumption.

2/ Live weight equivalent price.

CHICKEN VALUE OF SALES

California's total value of other chickens (excluding broilers) sold in 2001 was \$396 thousand, 80 percent less than the value of a year earlier. Average price for other chickens was one cent per pound, down three cents from last year's price.

Nationally, the value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2001 was \$46.0 million, down 28 percent from \$63.9 million a year ago. Prices averaged 4.5 cents per pound, compared with 5.7 cents in 2000.

CHICKEN PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1/

Year	Number Sold	Price Per Pound	Value
	Thousand Head	Cents	Thousand Dollars
CALIFORNIA			
1992	20,000	2.0	1,520
1993	18,100	2.4	1,651
1994	14,300	2.0	1,058
1995	13,300	1.9	910
1996	11,600	2.0	812
1997	15,300	2.3	1,232
1998	13,749	3.4	1,636
1999	13,807	4.0	1,988
2000	13,232	4.0	1,958
2001	10,690	1.0	396
UNITED STATES			
2000	218,212	5.7	63,925
2001	200,100	4.5	46,027

1/ Estimates cover the 12-month period of December 1 (previous year) through November 30 and excludes broilers.

PRICES PAID FOR POULTRY FEED

Region	Unit	April 2001	Apr. 15, 2002
		Dollars	
PACIFIC REGION			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	213	286
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	205	264
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	305	364
Laying Feed	Ton	204	239
UNITED STATES			
Chick Starter Feed	Ton	239	240
Broiler Grower Feed	Ton	232	259
Turkey Grower Feed	Ton	259	264
Laying Feed	Ton	212	225

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average April prices received by California producers, when compared to March average prices, decreased 15 cents per dozen for market eggs. Monthly state turkey prices were discontinued.

Nationally, the March average prices received by producers decreased two cents per pound for broilers, while turkey prices decreased three-tenths of a cent per pound. Prices for market eggs decreased 19.4 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	April 2001	Mar. 15, 2002	Apr. 15, 2002
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers 2/	Lbs.	---	---	---
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	53.0	42.0	27.0
Turkeys 4/	Lbs.	46.0	---	---
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	39.0	32.0	30.0
Market Eggs 3/	Doz.	48.4	51.5	32.1
Turkeys	Lbs.	37.6	32.9	32.6

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Published annually.

3/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

4/ Discontinued in 2002.